GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5188
ANSWERED ON:21.12.2000
MALPRACTICES IN DELHI PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant given to the Delhi Public Library every year for the purchase of books and other publications;

(b) whether the Government are aware of malpractices going on in the purchases in which the present Director is directly involved;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry has been ordered in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendation made and the action taken against the guilty officials;

(e) if not, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to the Government;

(f) whether the Government is proposed to transfer the present Director before any inquiry is initiated; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) No separate grant is released for purchase of books and publications. Out of the Plan grant released to Delhi Public Library, the Library has spent the following amount for purchase of books and other publications during the last 5 years:-

1995-96 - 43,29.915.00
1996-97 - 44,26,581.00
1997-98 - 23,22,933.00
1998-99 - 52,18,654.00
1999-00 - 34,98,855.00

(b) No, Sir. The Government are notaware of any alleged malpractices on the part of present Director in the matter of purchase of books and publications.

(c) to (g) : In view of the (b) above, do not arise.